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### Massachusetts Regional Jobs Picture

Metropolitan Region	Total Jobs	Change Since September 2007
MASSACHUSETTS**	3,290,500	0.4%
Barnstable	104,500	-0.6%
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy	1,726,900	1.1%
Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton	89,800	-0.6%
Framingham	159,300	1.0%
Haverhill-North Andover-Amesbury	78,900	-0.5%
Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner	50,600	-0.4%
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford	119,800	-0.2%
New Bedford	66,300	-1.2%
Peabody	101,700	-0.1%
Pittsfield	36,800	-0.8%
Springfield	298,000	-0.3%
Worcester	246,000	-1.3%

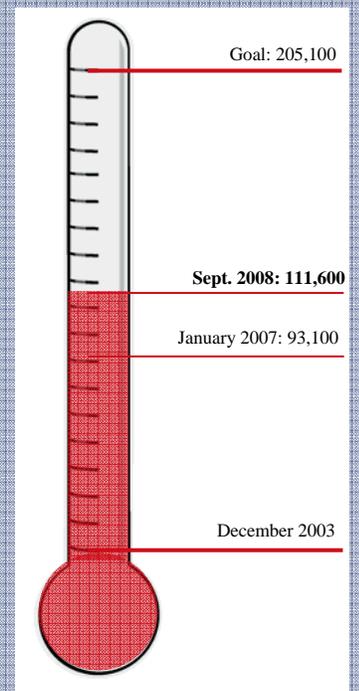
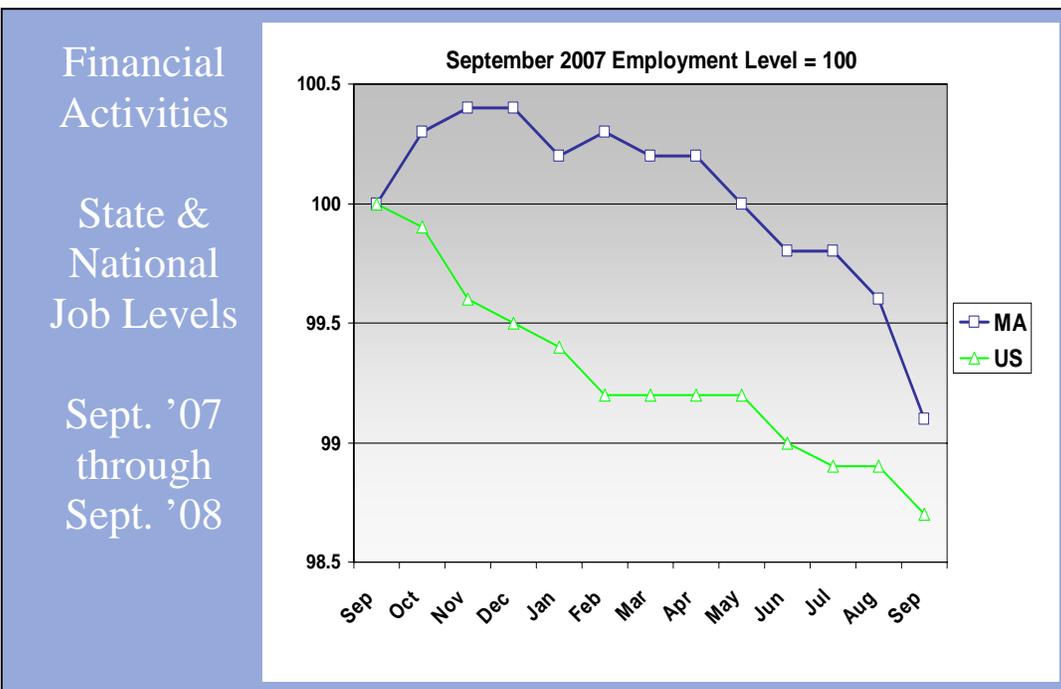
### THIS MONTH'S HEADLINES

- State lost 3,800 jobs last month; posted 0.4% job growth last 12 months
- Only two of 12 regions added jobs last 12 months – Greater Boston & MetroWest
- State falls to 93,500 jobs below previous peak
- State financial activities jobs down 0.9% last 12 months; outpaced U.S. rate and ranked 26<sup>th</sup> among states

### CLOSING THE JOBS GAP

This thermometer illustrates Massachusetts' progress towards its historical jobs peak. It marks the jobs low point of December 2003, jobs added from that point to January 2007 as well as to the current month, and the goal of replacing the 205,100 jobs lost earlier in this decade.

### State & National Job Levels: Financial Activities\*\*\*



\* Source: Current Employment Statistics, Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development  
 \*\*State and national data are seasonally-adjusted; regional data are non-seasonally adjusted  
 \*\*\*Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Massachusetts Jobs

## Update

**Financial Activities:** Massachusetts' job growth rate ranked 26<sup>th</sup> over the past twelve months. Detailed state-by-state breakdown is below.

Rank	State	Change Since September 2007
1	Wyoming	3.5%
2	Nebraska	2.3%
3	South Dakota	2.3%
4	Texas	1.6%
5	Minnesota	1.4%
6	Oklahoma	1.1%
7	New Hampshire	1.0%
8	South Carolina	1.0%
9	Montana	0.9%
10	Delaware	0.9%
11	Wisconsin	0.9%
12	Arkansas	0.7%
13	Iowa	0.5%
14	Indiana	0.3%
15	Alabama	0.2%
16	Mississippi	0.0%
17	Louisiana	-0.1%
18	North Carolina	-0.2%
19	Maryland	-0.4%
20	North Dakota	-0.5%
21	Ohio	-0.5%
22	Kentucky	-0.6%
23	Colorado	-0.8%
24	Vermont	-0.8%
25	Kansas	-0.8%
<b>26</b>	<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
27	Connecticut	-1.0%
28	Virginia	-1.0%
29	Idaho	-1.2%
<b>N/A</b>	<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
30	Hawaii	-1.3%
31	Pennsylvania	-1.5%
32	New York	-1.5%
33	Illinois	-1.6%
34	West Virginia	-1.7%
35	Tennessee	-1.7%
36	Washington	-1.8%
37	Oregon	-1.8%
38	Maine	-1.8%
39	Florida	-2.0%
40	Utah	-2.0%
41	Alaska	-2.0%
42	Arizona	-2.2%
43	New Mexico	-2.3%
44	Michigan	-2.3%
45	District of Columbia	-2.4%
46	Missouri	-2.6%
47	Georgia	-2.7%
48	Nevada	-3.3%
49	New Jersey	-3.3%
50	California	-3.5%
51	Rhode Island	-4.1%